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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. CYPRIOT CHARGE ANGELIDES CALLED ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND SEPARATELY WITH OTHER DEPTOFFS JUNE 15 BEFORE RETURNING TO CYPRUS ON LEAVE JUNE 16. ANGELIDES SAID HE EXPECTED SEE PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND OTHER SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS WHILE IN NICOSIA AND WANTED TO GET LATEST USG THINKING. ANGELIDES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT U.S. INTEREST MIGHT BE FLAGGING, AND THAT U.S. SEEMED RELUCTANT TO MOVE FROM PROCEDURAL TO SUBSTANTIVE INVOLVEMENT.

2. NIMETZ AND OTHER DEPTOFFS ASSURED ANGELIDES THAT U.S. INTENDS TO REMAIN ACTIVE AND THAT ADMINISTRATION STOOD FULLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BEHIND STATEMENTS MADE TO GOC DURING CLIFFORD MISSION IN FEBRUARY AND SUBSEQUENTLY. WE WERE CONVINCED THAT COURSE WE HAD EMBARKED ON EARLIER IN YEAR WAS CORRECT COURSE AND WE INTENDED TO CONTINUE ALONG SAME PATH. WE HOPE GOC WOULD DO SO AS WELL AND NOT BECOME DISCOURAGED. PERIOD OF TURKISH ELECTIONS HAD MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR U.S. AND OTHERS TO TAKE ACTIONS. NIMETZ SAID WE WOULD NOW HAVE TO AWAIT

FORMATION OF NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT BEFORE MUCH COULD BE DONE. NIMETZ ASKED WHETHER MAKARIOS WAS INTERESTED IN SUBSTANTIVE U.S. INVOLVEMENT AND EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE NO

DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE, POSSIBILITY OF OUR GETTING INVOLVED IN SUBSTANCE HAD NOT BEEN RULED OUT AND WAS REAL POSSIBILITY.

3. ANGELIDES STATED THAT WHILE HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PAPADOPOULOS HAD TOLD UN OFFICIALS THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE PREPARED FOR CONTINUED MEETINGS IN NICOSIA BUT IF TURKS FAILED TO RESPOND TO GREEK TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL THERE WAS NO POINT IN CONTINUING TO TALK. NIMETZ REITERATED THAT SERIOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT RESPONSES PRIOR TO FORMATION OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT WERE NOT LIKELY AND THAT BREAKING OFF THE TALKS WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE, REFLECT BADLY ON GREEK CYPRIOTS AND MAKE RECOMMENCEMENT OF TALKS LATER THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

4. DEPTOFF ALSO ASKED ANGELIDES TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN IN NICOSIA CONTINUED STRONG USG INTEREST IN DAVIES TRIAL. ANGELIDES SAID GOC AT HIGHEST LEVEL TOOK VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF TRIAL AND HOPED FOR SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS. ANGELIDES REVIEWED PROBLEM WITH EVIDENCE, NOTED THAT HIS BROTHER WAS ONE OF PROSECUTORS, AND EXPRESSED STRONG BELIEF THAT COURT WOULD DECIDE CASE ON MERITS WITHOUT INTERJECTING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. VANCE

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